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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report from corresponding International Application No. PCT/EP03/12076.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

US 4,868,521 is an English language equivalent of EP 0 303 944. US 2005/0034719 is an English language equivalent of EP 1304131. US 2005/0056274 is an English language equivalent of EP 1304130.

The following is a concise summary of DE 29501569.1, for which no English language equivalent or abstract is available.

DE 29501569.1 relates to an ultrasonic liquid nebulizer having a piezo crystal P, which is actuated by means of electric oscillations of an oscillator circuit, wherein the oscillator circuit is provided with power from a power supply SV. The oscillator circuit comprises a current limiting circuit and an electronic temperature limiting circuit comparing the temperature depending electrical signal of the piezo crystal by means of a threshold circuit, the comparator signal thereof controls a bistable circuit stopping the oscillator.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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